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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION -- PRESIDENT'S TRIP

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1. PRESIDENT FORD'S EUROPEAN TRIP HAS SO FAR BEEN LIMITED TO WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE. AL-AKHBAR ON JULY 27 IN SMALL FRONT PAGE ITEM REPORTS ON PRESIDENT'S PLAN TO DISCUSS "INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, EUROPEAN SECURITY AND ME "WITH WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. IN ITS FOREIGN NEWS PAGE, AL-AHRAM REFERS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENT WILL DISCUSS WITH BREZHNEV ME AND PROSPECTS FOR SIGNING STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TREATY. AL-GOMHOURIA ADDS THAT UPCOMING AMERICAN-SOVIET SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON WILL BE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH BREZHNEV.

2. AL-AHRAM OF JULY 28 FRONT PAGES FORD-SCHMIDT DISCUSSION
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OF ME, KISSINGER-EILTS CONSULTATIONS, STATEMENT BY U.S.

OFFICIAL THAT "CHANCES FOR NEW AGREEMENT IN SINAI ARE 51
TO 49 AND WRNING BY SAME AMERICAN OFFICIAL THAT THERE ARE
THREE OR FOUR POINTS STILL UNRESOLVED THAT COULD "BLOW UP
ENTIRE AGREEMENT."

ON FOREIGN NEWS PAGE, AL-AKHBAR QUOTES PRESIDENT AS SAYING
THAT "GOING TO HELSINKI DOES NOT MEAN ABANDONING OUR ALLIES
IN WEST EUROPE." ITEM INDICATES TRIP TO HELSINKI AIMS AT
SIGNING DOCUMENT OF "GOOD INTENTIONS."
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